



Program Criteria Comparison

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK

and

SOUTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM (SCEEP)



National Environmental Performance Track and the South Carolina Environmental Excellence Program (SCEEP) are voluntary programs designed to foster and reward environmental excellence. Performance Track is a national EPA program and SCEEP is a statewide program housed at the Institute for Public Service and Policy Research at the University of South Carolina. This fact sheet summarizes and compares criteria for the Performance Track Program and SCEEP. For additional information on these programs or incentives, see program web sites or contact program coordinators.

Common Program Criteria:

- *EMS*: Facility must maintain an EMS with clearly stated goals, measurable targets, and plans for monitoring progress.
- *Future Performance*: Facility must make a commitment to continuous environmental improvement.
- *Community Outreach*: Facility must make a commitment towards community outreach.
- *Compliance Record*: Facility must pass a comprehensive compliance screen covering federal, state, and local regulations.
- *Site Visits*: Periodic site visits are conducted as part of the program.
- *Membership Term*: Membership is for three years.

SCEEP - Additional Criteria:

- *Future Performance*: Facility must show that planned targets and goals were met upon program renewal.

Performance Track - Additional Criteria:

- *EMS Components*: Prior to acceptance, facility must have established an EMS with a written policy, clear roles and responsibilities for meeting goals, plans for correcting non-conformance issues, and documented management review.
- *EMS Self-Assessment*: Facility must conduct regular EMS self-assessments and compliance audits.
- *EMS Independent Assessment*: An independent EMS assessment is to have taken place at the time of application.
- *EMS Cycle*: Facility must have completed one full EMS cycle including implementation, evaluation, and review.
- *Past Performance*: Facility must demonstrate performance improvements for two environmental indicators (one indicator for small facilities). Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Future Performance*: Facility must make a commitment to future performance improvements for four environmental indicators from at least two unique categories (two indicators for small facilities). Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Annual Report*: Report must include EMS data and progress toward meeting goals, and include documentation that corrective action has been taken to address compliance and other EMS issues.
- *Community Outreach*: Facility must provide a plan to identify and respond to local concerns and inform community of important matters that affect it.
- *Community References*: Facility must provide community references (e.g., member of a citizen group, union, local agency).
- *Self-Certification*: Senior facility manager must certify that all statements in application and annual reports are true, accurate, and complete.

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